

## **Town of Bluffton Census Day Proclamation**

**WHEREAS** the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

**WHEREAS** the Town of Bluffton ("Town") is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

**WHEREAS** more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data, including health care, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and much more;

**WHEREAS** census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts;

**WHEREAS** the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation;

**WHEREAS** every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and the Census Bureau ensures that the data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years;

**WHEREAS** the US Census Bureau has declared April 1, 2010 as Census Day, the population count's official reference day.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Lisa B. Sulka, Mayor of the **Town of Bluffton**, South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim April 1, 2010, as

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in the **Town of Bluffton**, and encourage all citizens to complete and return the Census form based on occupants of your household as of this date.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the **Town of Bluffton** to be affixed this sixteenth day of March 2010.

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Lisa Sulka, Mayor